REMARKS

The Office Action of December 1, 2005 and the references cited therein have been carefully considered and, in view of the amendments herein to the claims and the following representations, reconsideration of the application in its present form is respectfully requested.

Concerning the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, In view of the amendments herein to Claims 6 and 8, it is respectfully submitted that the claims more particularly point out distinctly claim the child's doll bicycle seat with quick release clamps of the present invention.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The Examiner rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), Claims 1-4 and 6 as being anticipated by Baron (US Patent Number Patent 2,531,902), Claims 1-5 as being anticipated by Blood (US Patent Number 480,760), Claim 1 as being anticipated by Dreiling (US Patent Number 5,845,830) and Claim 8 as being anticipated by Newbold (US Patent Number 6,173,980).

The specification discloses at page 6, lines 8-20 as follows:

"The bottom view of carrier 2 in Figure 4 shows the proximal ends of front support rods 3 and rear support rod assembly 4 with bent ends 23. Ends 23 fit into holes in the sides of rear carrier recess 21, which is a molded feature. The proximal ends 23 of rear support rod assembly 4 must be temporarily forced toward each other to accomplish this so that they snap into the holes. Front support rods 3 are formed at the rear into a continuous rectangular loop which is assembled and retained to carrier 2 by snapping into molded hinge recess 30 through slot 31 which is slightly less wide than the diameter of rods 3.

By swinging rods 3 down, as shown in Figure 6, while forcing the distal ends toward each other, they are snapped into molded front carrier recess 22 under molded retaining wings 24. "

The specification also provides at page 7, lines 4-7 as follows:

"Figure 10 shows rear support rod assembly 4 with distal quick release elements 20 (shown as an enlargement in Figure 11). They are simply twisted between bicycle rear frame members 13 to fit as shown in Figure 11".

The independent Claims 2 and 8 have been amended to recite these features, where squeezing movement is required for insertion of the particularly configured rods into the respective quick release clamps.

In view of the amendment to independent Claims 2 and 8, the rejection under 35 USC 102(b) is respectfully requested to now be withdrawn.

For example, the cited reference of Blood (US Patent Number 480,760), patented in 1892, describes a seat attachment where a second person can ride on a bicycle over the forward wheel and in front of the handle-bar of the bike. Bikes and safety regulations have changed and there was no mention of quick-release rods insertable with recesses of the seat portion of an auxiliary doll's bicycle carrier/seat. While curved rods "D" are discussed as being of spring wire, this purpose is to give elasticity between the riding seat for a person riding upon seat G for comfort. Also, distal hooks H just drop over the handlebar C without any need for manual squeezing together of locking components as in the present invention.

The cited reference of Siboni (US Patent Number 5,971,832) is a skate toy used for roller skating. It is no relation to the present invention nor does it mention a squeezable quick-release clamp for a doll carrier bicycle attachment.

The cited reference of Newbold (US Patent Number 6,173,980) describes a seat is made for a child, not a doll or accessory for a child's bicycle. With regard to the latch connection consisting of manually depressible tongue 30 insertable within rectangular slot 60, it requires manual pushing downward of a single tongue member. It would take adult force of a thumb push to release the tongue 30 from the recess 60 of Newbold.

In contrast, in the child friendly quick release rod locks of Applicants include the squeezing together of two pairs of front support rods and rear support rods by a child, which each include bent ends fitting in respective front and rear recesses, wherein further respective proximal ends of the rear support rods are

temporarily forced toward each other to snap into the rear recesses. Furthermore, the front support rods are retained to the carrier seat by snapping into respective front recesses, and further, by swinging the front rods down, while forcing the respective distal ends toward each other, the front rods are snapped into the respective front recesses. Additionally, the distal ends of the rear support rods are curved and squeezable to engage the bicycle frame members connecting the rear wheel to the forward seat post.

The cited reference of Dreiling (US Patent Number 5,845,830) mentions a bicycle attachment seat for carrying objects. It does not specifically mention carrying a doll and there is no quick-release mechanism, since threaded locking bolts and nuts are required to attach the seat to the bicycle.

The cited reference of Baron (US Patent Number Patent 2,531,902) mentions a bicycle carrier focusing on a quickly detachable mechanism. However, Baron '902 states that once the distal ends of rods 25 are dropped into the recesses of clamp 17. There is no discussion of squeezing the distal ends 25 of rods 23. The words used are dropping in of the distal ends.

"Anticipation requires the presence in a single prior art reference disclosure of each and every element of the claimed invention, arranged as in the claim." Lindemann Maschinenfabrik GmbH v. American Hoist & Derrick Co., 221 USPQ 481, 485 (Fed. Cir. 1984) (emphasis added).

In view of the amendment canceling Claims 1, 3 and 4 and amending independent Claims 2 and 8 in independent form, the above noted cited references do not teach each and every element of Applicants' amended independent claims 2 and 8. Therefore, the Applicants contend that at least for the reasons provided, Applicant's amended independent Claims 2 and 8 are not anticipated by Baron, Blood, Dreiling and/or Newbold.

Furthermore, dependent claims 5, 6 and 7 (which depend directly or indirectly upon amended independent Claim 2) recite additional features therefor. Since Baron, Blood, Dreiling and/or Newbold do not anticipate Applicant's invention as recited in claim 2, Applicant submits that the dependent

claims 5, 6 and 7 which depend therefrom are also not anticipated and are allowable. As such, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 2, 5,6,7 and 8.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner rejected, under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), claim 7 as being unpatentable over Dreiling in view of Siboni. In view of the amendment to independent Claim 2, from which Claim 7 depends, the rejection is respectfully requested to now be withdrawn.

Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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